

APPROVED: Meeting No. 12-97

ATTEST: *Paula J. Jewell*

MAYOR AND COUNCIL  
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND  
Meeting No. 01-97

January 6, 1997

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Worksession in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland, on January 6, 1997, at 8:07 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Rose G. Krasnow

Councilmember Robert E. Dorsey

Councilmember James T. Marrinan

Councilmember Glennon J. Harrison

Councilmember Robert J. Wright

In attendance: City Manager Rick Kuckkahn, City Clerk Paula Jewell and City Attorney Paul Glasgow. Also present were Thomas Edwin Thomas and Michelle Martin (Assistants to the City Manager) and Data Processing Manager Dave Mays.

Re: Worksession Re Establishing  
Rockville Community Network  
(RockNet)

RockNet is a group of citizens who have responded to the Mayor and Council's technology initiative and have worked the past several months to make an electronic community network a reality. The Board Members and functional leaders of RockNet include: Executive Officer Robert Skinner, Bob Ekman, Barbara Goldstein, John Herman, Gail Wisan Muren, Randall Gentry, Roald Schrack, Robert Dorsey, and Glennon Harrison.

RockNet has been working on the creation of an electronic network linked to the World Wide Web through the Internet that will reflect the priorities and interests of Rockville. Mr. Skinner spoke about the need to initiate a formal working relationship between RockNet and the City of Rockville, and the need for a commitment to structure RockNet as a tax-exempt status organization so that donations to it are tax deductible. RockNet is looking for legal advice and assistance from the City, as well as an agreement to set up an account under the City banking relationships, or independent thereof, so that RockNet can receive and disburse funds in the normal conduct of operations.

Mr. Ekman and Mr. Schrack presented an overview of RockNet's accomplishments to date. A web site which became accessible on January 1st was created for RockNet. The web site contains information about the Rockville community and links to related web pages.

Mr. Mays described staff's perspective on the planning, acquisition and implementation of the network infrastructure. Mr. Mays said that the internet access will be provided by Sailor. Access for the City will mostly likely be at no cost to the City for now, especially while Sailor is only being partially utilized.

The Mayor and Council were very supportive to RockNet's proposals and agreed to make the City's legal resources available in establishing a tax-exempt status organization.

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m., to convene again in Worksession at 7:00 p.m., on January 7, 1997, or at the call of the Mayor.